

SENATE BILL 773

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49;
Title 62, Chapter 50 and Title 68, relative to youth
sports safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "High-risk youth athletic activity" means an organized sport in which there is a significant possibility for a minor who is participating in the sport to sustain a serious physical injury, including, but not limited to, the sports of football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(b), is amended by deleting the language "Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year for each" and substituting "Each".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(b)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Annually complete training in physical conditioning and training equipment use;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(b)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(B) An emergency action plan that facilitates, organizes, and rehearses the actions of coaches and athletes in an emergency;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting the following:

(d)

(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, an LEA or public charter school that provides a school youth athletic activity that is also a high-risk youth athletic activity in which youth aged fourteen (14) years or younger are eligible to participate shall apply the safety standards outlined in subsections (b) and (c) to all individuals actively involved in training or coaching the high-risk youth athletic activity at the LEA or public charter school.

(2)

(A) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a private school, as defined in § 49-6-3001, shall apply the safety standards outlined in subsections (b) and (c) to all individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching a high-risk youth athletic activity that is provided by the private school, if:

(i) Youth aged fourteen (14) years or younger are eligible to participate in the high-risk youth athletic activity; and

(ii) The high-risk youth athletic activity is conducted on property that is owned, managed, or maintained by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(B) Private schools are encouraged to comply with the safety standards outlined in subsections (b) and (c) for school youth athletic activities that are not subject to the requirements of subdivision (d)(2)(A).

(3)

(A) A city, county, business, or nonprofit organization that organizes a community-based youth athletic activity, as defined in §§ 68-6-102 and 68-55-501, which is also a high-risk youth athletic activity, shall

apply the safety standards outlined in subsections (b) and (c) to all individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching such high-risk youth athletic activity, if:

(i) Youth aged fourteen (14) years or younger are eligible to participate in the high-risk youth athletic activity; and

(ii) The high-risk youth athletic activity is conducted on property that is owned, leased, managed, or maintained by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(B) Cities, counties, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that organize a community-based youth athletic activity are encouraged to comply with the safety standards outlined in subsections (b) and (c) for community-based youth athletic activities that are not subject to the requirements of subdivision (d)(3)(A).

(4) Nothing in this subsection (d) exempts a provider of a school youth athletic activity or community-based youth athletic activity from the requirements of title 68, chapter 55, part 5, concerning youth sport-related injuries, or the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act," compiled in title 68, chapter 6.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.